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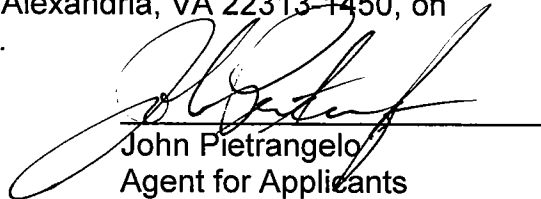
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed on November 20, 2006, for the above-identified U.S. patent application. Since this Response is being filed on or before February 20, 2007, this response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

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